

RESIDENTIAL WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS

Orange and Osceola counties within South Florida Water Management District boundaries, including residents served by St. Cloud Environmental Utilities and Tohopekaliga Water Authority

Effective: 1/15/08 – Enforced by Local Government Agencies



Irrigation

Restrictions apply to all traditional sources of water – from a utility, an individual well or withdrawals from a canal, lake or pond. Residents of Orange and Osceola counties will follow lawn irrigation restrictions set by bordering St. Johns River Water Management District.

- Limited to no more than two days per week, per zone. Residents can choose their own irrigation days unless their local government adopts an ordinance and specifies their irrigation days.
- **Odd-numbered addresses:** Encouraged to water on **Wednesdays AND/OR Saturdays**; irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Even number addresses or no addresses:** Encouraged to water **Thursdays AND/OR Sundays**; irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- St. Cloud Environmental Utilities and Tohopekaliga Water Authority have adopted this schedule; other local ordinances are pending.
- **New plantings, sod or landscape:** Allowed at any time of day on any day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the next 30 days for a total of one 60-day period, provided that the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount necessary for establishment.

Hand Watering

For stressed plants, 10 minutes per day on any day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off nozzle.

Fertilizer and Pesticide Water-In and Irrigation System Repair

Not restricted, but voluntary conservation is recommended, and wasteful water use is prohibited. Attendant should be present.

Reclaimed Water

The use of 100% reclaimed water for irrigation is exempt from restrictions.

Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Decorative Fountains and All Other Outdoor Water Uses

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged. When washing a car, park it over a non-paved surface to limit runoff and use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water. Use pressure washing equipment with a flow rate of 1,000 to 4,000 pounds per square inch (psi). Decorative fountains may run anytime if they re-circulate water and don't spray water out of the fountain basin. Indoor water use is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged.

Variances

You may apply for a variance from water restrictions. The application form and instructions are online at www.sfwmd.gov. For more information about variances, call **(800) 432-2045**.

For more information on water shortage restrictions, visit our web site at www.sfwmd.gov/conserv or call our **Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876** to request more information.



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